

Capitol to engrave our National Motto and the Pledge of Allegiance in the Capitol Visitor Center.

These two statements of historical significance speak to the culture and development of our nation as a people united by a core set of philosophical maxims. This resolution stands as a tribute to the work of our founding fathers, a legacy that this body has been entrusted to maintain.

Abraham Lincoln argued that the Constitution could not be read properly without reference to the Declaration of Independence whereby the origin of our individual rights is identified as God. The Declaration refers to those unalienable rights as endowed by God, or "their Creator" with a capital "C," specifying that those rights do not exist except by the grace of God.

This concept, of individual rights as given by God, is the very foundation upon which our Constitution stands. It was revolutionary at the time because it defines the worth of an individual apart from and prior to the state. To refuse to recognize God as the origin of our unalienable rights is to refuse the very basis by which one's worth is established.

Removing God as the basis by which we define and recognize our individual rights removes a constancy within our constitutional order, subjecting the definition of those rights to an ever changing and inconsistent standard of public opinion and momentary context. It is the very fact that these rights are endowed by our Creator that makes them unalienable—a truth we as a nation must never forget.

Furthermore, acknowledgement of God and His tenets has been an integral part of our national story, since its inception. Those assenting to the Declaration understood it as an appeal "to the Supreme Judge of the world for rectitude of our intentions."

Moreover, George Washington, in his farewell address, observed, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness—these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

When Patrick Henry advocated revolution in his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech before the Virginia House of Burgesses, he declared, "Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power." Continuing, "[We] shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us."

Madam Speaker, the reliance upon and foundational belief in God is deeply interwoven into the fabric of this nation's beginning and growth. So much so that, to omit an appeal to Providence in the retelling of our history would be a profound disservice to that history.

In the short period that the Capitol Visitor Center has been open it has attracted over one million visitors, with many more to come. The historical offering of the CVC will be augmented by this resolution, ensuring that the philosophy which provided the Cornerstone for our great nation will endure in words, and as many of us in this body aspire, hopefully in deed as well.

I urge the support of my colleagues for this resolution and look forward to its swift passage.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: AIP

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County International Airport

Address of Requesting Entity: 177 Ash Dr., Kimball, MI 48074

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$500,000.00, would be used to extend the runway thus allowing larger and heavier aircraft to access St. Clair County. This airport has provided commercial, corporate and general aviation services for over 55 years.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sanilac County

Address of Requesting Entity: 60 W. Sanilac Rd., Sanilac County Courthouse, Room 214, Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used to continue to build a bike path between Lexington and Port Sanilac. This is a great need in the area for a safe and secure bike path that is isolated from motorized traffic. This project is also expected to help promote tourism in the area.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of New Baltimore

Address of Requesting Entity: 36535 Green St., New Baltimore, MI 48047

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used for a non-motorized pedestrian path to be located on the east side of County Line Road between Green St. and Hobarth Rd. This will address the need for a safe, non-motorized route along a major thoroughfare of County Line Rd. and offer direct access to Anchor Bay High School.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. _____, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Marine City

Address of Requesting Entity: 303 S. Water St., Marine City, MI 48039

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$250,000.00, would be used to help rehabilitate the City Hall which is on the historical register. It would restore the interior and exterior of the building. The surrounding grounds have become the cornerstone of Marine City's historic district.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Tinley Park

Address of Requesting Entity: 16250 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for Tinley Park 80th Avenue Metra Station Development, Tinley Park, IL: The Village of Tinley Park has collaborated with Metra to develop a new building, warming shelters, and pedestrian underpass to accommodate increasing ridership at Metra's second busiest location.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Awarded under: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

WV Route 480 Pedestrian Bridge and Safety Improvements

Corporation of Shepherdstown

PO Box 248 Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Project will construct a pedestrian bridge spanning over WV Rt. 480 and improved pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions upon entry into the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Awarded under: Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Priorities

U.S. Route 33

City of Spencer

116 Court Street Spencer, WV 25276

Funds will be used for the continuing construction of U.S. Route 33.

Awarded under: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative
Harpers Ferry Interpretative Welcome Center